

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF DR. JAMES ROSBORG, SUPERINTENDENT OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT #118

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career and retirement of Dr. James Rosborg, "Superintendent of Belleville School District #118.

Dr. Rosborg has devoted 33 years to the education of our youth, serving as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He has been the superintendent of Belleville District #118 for the past 11 years. During that time, Dr. Rosborg has achieved recognition at both the state and national level for his leadership and hands-on involvement in the success of the students in his district. Typically, Dr. Rosborg has credited the faculty, staff and parents for the high level of student achievement and it has been the collaboration of these groups, along with community leaders, that has been a cornerstone of Dr. Rosborg's success.

Belleville School District #118 consists of eight elementary schools, two junior high schools and one early childhood facility, with a total enrollment of approximately 3700 students. In spite of a high percentage of low-income students, compared to state averages, the district has won numerous awards for high achievement. These awards include Golden Spike Awards, State and National Blue Ribbon School Awards, the national AFT-Saturn/UAW Collaboration Award and Illinois Spotlight School Awards.

In addition to these awards for the District, Dr. Rosborg has been the recipient of the Illinois Master Teacher Award, the Illinois State Board of Education "Those Who Excel" Award, the Illinois State Board of Education "Break the Mold" Award and the Boy Scouts of America Russell C. Hill Award for outstanding contribution to character education. Last year, Dr. Rosborg was named the 2004 Illinois School Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Rosborg's service extends beyond District #118 while, at the same time, he still enjoys meeting individually with the students of his district. He has served as an adjunct college professor at both St. Louis University and Lindenwood University. He has served as President of the Illinois statewide Elementary District Organization and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of School Administrators. Dr. Rosborg is the Illinois superintendent representative on the State Superintendent's Testing Task Force, which is dealing with the federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation and its impact on state testing in Illinois.

According to Dr. Rosborg, the bottom line of success in any district rests with the individual

teachers in the classrooms. He has the highest regard for educators as professionals and believes that the main goal for administrators should be to foster an environment where teachers can maximize the educational achievement of each student.

Dr. Rosborg is a product of Illinois education. After graduating from Hoopeston High School in Hoopeston, Illinois, he received his undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and both his masters and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Dr. Rosborg and his wife, Nancy, have three children; Mike, a civil engineer, and his wife Wendy; Kyle, employed by LaSalle Bank in Chicago; and Carol, a senior in accounting at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Dr. James Rosborg for his years of dedicated service to education and to wish him and his family the very best in the future.

HONORING ALISHA MATHIAS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alisha Mathias, the Boyertown Area Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Officer Mathias has been a member of the Colebrookdale Township Police Department since February of 1999 and has made countless contributions to her community over the past six years. Prior to becoming a police officer, Mathias was a Montgomery County emergency dispatcher and a Montgomery County deputy sheriff. During that time, she also assisted in Camp Cadet program and was a D.A.R.E. instructor, working to give kids the life skills they need to avoid involvement with drugs, gangs, and violence.

When Officer Mathias went to the Police Academy in Montgomery County, she was the only female in her class of 30. After graduation, Officer Mathias further proved her competence when she was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for her valiant efforts in the arrest of several car thieves in the surrounding area.

Officer Mathias has her roots in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. She attended Pottsgrove High School and today she lives in Oley, Pennsylvania. Prior to moving to Oley last year, Officer Mathias lived in the Boyertown area for 6 years with her husband, Rodney, and her two young boys, Ayden and Kellen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Officer Alisha Mathias for her years of exemplary service to the Boyertown community and for her notable community service contributions. It is an honor to stand before you to congratulate Alisha Ma-

thias, one of Boyertown, Pennsylvania's most distinguished citizens.

CONGRATULATING UNITED GROUP SERVICES, INC., ON OSHA STAR AWARD

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate United Group Services, Inc., a local company out of Cincinnati, Ohio, that recently earned the prestigious Star award for the Voluntary Protection Program in Construction (VPPC) from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) for its outstanding safety performance and processes.

The award is the hallmark of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) in which employees, management and OSHA all work together to implement safety and health programs that protect workers above and beyond those regulations established by OSHA. As the highest honor given by the VPP, the Star award is reserved for participants that exceed OSHA standards, thereby making them models for their specific industries.

The original VPP program has been an OSHA standard since 1982, but until now has always excluded mobile workforce construction because it is site based and not company based. United Group has been involved with the new VPPC program since its inception in 2002.

Approval into VPPC is OSHA's official recognition of United Group for the outstanding efforts of both its management and employees on achieving exemplary occupational safety and health. This award is truly representative of United Group's dedication and commitment to safety—the company's #1 core value. It is also a testament to the teamwork and commitment to safety they demonstrate on a daily basis.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH BOOTH

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a very happy birthday to Lt. Col. Joseph Booth of the Louisiana State Police. Mr. Booth celebrates his 50th birthday on April 15th.

Mr. Booth is known for his loyalty to friends and his commitment to his family, a warm smile and good sense of humor. Mr. Booth is a career law enforcement officer who followed in the footsteps of his father whom he loved very much in joining the Louisiana State Police rising through the ranks to lieutenant

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